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THE NEWPORT MERCURY was established in June, 1859, and is now in its one hundred and thirty-sixth year. It is the oldest newspaper in the United States, with less than half a dozen exceptions, the oldest printed in the English language. It is a large quarto weekly of fifty-six columns filled with interesting reading—editorial, State, local and general news, well selected miscellany and valuable farmers' and household departments. Reaching so many households in this and other States, the limited space given to advertising is very valuable to business men.

Societies Occupying Mercury Hall.

- UNITED NATHANIEL GREENE COUNCIL NO. 6, Order United American Mechanics, George S. Stoddard, Concllor; Daniel P. Bull, Recording Secretary; meets every Monday evening.
- KNIGHTS LODGE NO. 49, I. O. O. F., William Allen, Noble Grand; Wm. H. Boone, Secretary; meets every Tuesday evening.
- MALDEN LODGE NO. 30, N. E. O. P., Frank G. Scott, Warden; James H. Goddard, Sec. retary; meets 1st and 3d Wednesday evenings in each month.
- THE NEWPORT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, A. K. McMahon, President; J. J. Butler, Secretary; meets 2d and 4th Wednesday evenings in each month.
- GOSNOLD LODGE NO. 4, A. O. U. W., Geo. H. Wilbur, Master; William G. A. Pittsford, Recorder; meets 1st and 3d Thursday evenings.
- FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 336, K. of H., Dictator, Andrew Jackson; Reporter, C. H. Chase; meets 2d and 4th Thursday evenings.
- REYNOLDS LODGE NO. 11, K. of P., William H. Langley, Chancellor; Commander, Herbert L. Marsh; Recorder of Records and Seal; meets every Friday evening.
- DAVIS DIVISION NO. 8, U. R. K. of P., Sir Knight Captain, John H. Wetherill; Daniel P. Bull, Recorder; meets last Friday evening in each month.

Local Matters.

The Board of Health.

The Newport Board of Health met at its rooms in the Mercury Building Thursday evening and organized for the year. Only three members were present, Dr. Rankin still being confined by illness and Mr. Franklin having declined not to serve another year.

Dr. F. Barker was re-elected President and Dr. F. H. Rankin, Secretary. Capt. George C. Shaw was chosen as the Board's nominee for executive officer, vice Mr. G. W. Corbett, the present incumbent, and his nomination will be sent to the City Council Tuesday night for confirmation.

Mr. Corbett, the retiring executive officer, has held the position for two years, and it is understood, has given good satisfaction, but, unfortunately for him the office has become a political one. Two years ago the Democrats elected a partisan Board of Health for the sole purpose of getting at this office and succeeded in having Mr. Knall, who had given the highest satisfaction, replaced by Mr. Corbett, and now that the Republicans are in power, Mr. Corbett has to take a turn.

Capt. Shaw, the new nominee, is a veteran of the late war, an efficient and highly popular officer of the Artillery Company and is in every way qualified to fill the position of Executive Officer of the Board of Health.

Mrs. Jane R. Allan, widow of the late William Allan, whose death occurred less than a fortnight ago, died at her residence on Spring street Monday. She had been an invalid for many years, but her death was undoubtedly hastened by the death of her husband. Mrs. Allan was a sister of Mrs. Henry H. Young of this city and Mrs. John Simmons of Bristol. She leaves three sons, Messrs. Joseph S. and W. Russell Allan of this city, and John Allan of Middletown. Her funeral was solemnized from her late residence Thursday noon, Rev. Dr. Bass officiating. The bearers were Hon. J. W. Horton, Messrs. W. S. Vose, Smith Bosworth and Dr. A. A. Pitt.

Rev. Mr. Cutler's lecture on the Græco-Roman Religion Sunday night was the fourth of the course. Like its predecessors it was well attended and highly interesting and instructive. The next lecture will be given on the 23d inst., at which time the theme of the discourse will be "The Religion of Egypt."

The Golden Rod Social Club will give a supper at Odd Fellows Hall Monday night to the Second Ward Political Club. It will be a return for the one given the Social Club by the Political Club as a result of the football game Thanksgiving Day.

The wedding of Mr. Frederic Gebhard to Miss Louise Morris, of Baltimore, will be quietly celebrated early in February at the home of the bride.

AT HYMEN'S ALTAR.

Boyle-Gottemeier.
A large number of the friends of Alderman P. J. Boyle and Mrs. Anne Gottemeier gathered at St. Mary's church Wednesday morning to witness the ceremony which bound these very popular young people together for life. Although no formal invitations had been issued, all knew that they were welcome. Owing to the illness of Prof. P. A. Fredericks, Mr. E. Y. Mason presided at the organ and in his usually finished manner. The ushers were Messrs. T. P. Martin and W. C. O'Neill. Promptly at the hour named for the ceremony the bridal party entered the church, the bride wearing a very handsome travelling gown of gray with hat to match and carried a bouquet of bride roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Annie Boyle, a sister of the groom, also wore gray. Mr. Eugene C. O'Neill, a warm personal friend of the groom, performed the duties of best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Grace who also gave some excellent advice to the couple just beginning life's journey together. The nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Louby, after which a wedding breakfast was served at the future home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyle on Sherman street. A reception was held from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon and in the evening the happy couple left for a wedding trip to New Jersey. The presents received were numerous, handsome and costly.

Landon-Hurbridge.
Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, St. George's church was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Miss Martha Frances, daughter of Mrs. John Burbridge, became the wife of Mr. George Carr Landon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. G. Gillatt and Mr. G. Everett Hill presided at the organ. The duties of ushers were performed by Messrs. F. G. Rogers, J. W. Spangler, W. A. Burbridge, C. S. Lunders and E. P. Thurston of this city and Mr. B. McPartland of Worcester. The bride, who wore a handsome gown of white silk, en train, with veil, was accompanied by her brother, Mr. Harry L. Burbridge, who gave her away. They were preceded by Mr. Fred Landon, brother of the groom, and Miss Josephine Hurbridge, the bride's sister, who wore white silk and carried a bouquet of La France roses. At the altar they were met by the groom and his best man, Mr. George E. Houghton, Jr. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother on Mill street, after which Mr. and Mrs. Landon left on their wedding tour. Upon their return they will take up their residence on Everett street.

Eather Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah held a regular meeting Wednesday night, at the conclusion of which a social session was in order. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. Mrs. Smith, of Pawtucket, a guest of the Lodge, was noticeable among the dancers, and although nearly 80 years of age she was not outdone by any of her younger sisters or brothers in the Lodge.

The revival meetings at the Central Baptist church this week have been well attended and very interesting meetings. The singing, which has been under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Stebbins, has proved a very attractive feature and has been much enjoyed by the large audiences present.

The committee on Streets and Highways met Thursday evening and opened the bids for the collection of the city's garbage. There were nineteen bids in all, ranging in prices from \$170 to \$300 per month. The contract was awarded to Mr. William A. Barker, the lowest bidder.

The Aquidneck Cycle Club held its second annual social at Odd Fellows Hall Thursday evening and it was a delightful success. Music was furnished by the New Hampshire orchestra and Mr. Joseph T. Nuss prompted.

District Deputy Herbert A. Capron paid an official visit to Ocean Lodge No. 7, Ancient Order United Workmen, Thursday evening, and installed the officers elect. A collation and smoke talk followed the installation.

The fire losses at C. J. A. C. Landers' have been adjusted at \$1,134 on the house and \$500 on the furniture, and the work of repairing the premises will be pushed to an early completion.

The schooner Geo. E. Vernon arrived at Velasco, Texas, on Thursday. She will now discharge her cargo. From Velasco the schooner will go to Mobile to load lumber for Cordoras.

Newport Convocation.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Newport Convocation was held at Emmanuel church on Wednesday of this week, Archbishop W. P. Tucker of Pawtucket presiding. Rev. E. R. Porter was detained from being present by illness and Rev. Dr. Magill and Rev. E. L. Dickey, being absent from the city, were unable to attend the meeting. At the business meeting held in the parish house Capt. E. O. Matthews was chosen Secretary pro tem and the roll call was responded to as follows:

Clergy—Rev. W. P. Tucker, Archbishop; Rev. C. G. Gillatt, D. D., Rev. J. C. Johnson, Rev. George Herbert Patterson, Rev. Hamilton Schuyler.

Lay Delegates—Trinity, John H. Corzine, V. Mott Francis, C. H. Stockton; St. George's, F. S. Waite, W. H. Sherman, J. L. Northern; Emmanuel, C. S. Burrell, W. H. Taylor; St. John's, Peter Quire; St. Matthew's, W. H. Schwartz.

The Archbishop made a brief but interesting report of mission work in other convocations of the diocese and his report showed that, although the prevailing hard times had had no effect on mission work, still there was no reason for discouragement.

Roy, G. Herbert, Patterson, of St. Mary's parish, South Portsmouth, reported the organization and conduct of a night school in his parish, which was very interesting. Dr. Patterson also stated that a wealthy churchman had offered to build a parish house for St. Mary's, provided that parish would undertake the whole mission work of the middle of the island.

The report of the treasurer showed a balance in the general fund of \$32.40; in Block Island account of \$2.74; total cash on hand, \$35.14.

Rev. J. C. Johnson, of the Mission of the Holy Trinity (Tiverton), reported good progress. The failure of the fishing season had been a severe blow to this mission and the current expenses were a great drain, but the mission was there to stay. His building fund now amounts to \$1000.

Rev. J. Sturges Pearce, of St. Paul's, North Portsmouth, also made a very favorable report concerning the work and condition of his mission.

The resignation of Mr. George Gordon King as secretary was received, and accepted on it being explained that Mr. King expected to be away from Newport a good part of the time. Capt. E. O. Matthews was elected to fill the vacancy.

The resignation of Rev. E. H. Porter, as a member of the board of editors of the Convocation Journal, was received and laid on the table.

It was resolved that the by-laws of the Convocation, as reported by the committee, be adopted and that 200 copies of the same be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the convocation.

On motion it was resolved that the thanks of the Convocation be extended to the rector and vestrymen of Emmanuel church for the use of church and chapel.

The Convocation then adjourned to May, when the meeting will be held at Kay Chapel.

In the evening the missionary meeting was held in the church and addresses were made by Rev. A. C. Hardy, Rev. Eric Fosberg and Rev. J. C. Johnson.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals.

Clark H. Burdick has sold to Dennis Sullivan a lot of land on Simmons street for \$1 and other considerations. J. Truman Burdick has sold to John Radford a lot of land, containing 5600 square feet for \$1, etc.

Michael W. Callaghan has quit-claimed to William R. Hunter a lot of land, with buildings and other improvements, on Elm street, containing 10,000 square feet.

Jabez P. West and Georgina Bryer West have sold to Sidney B. Gladding for \$500 and other considerations, a certain parcel of land with all buildings and improvements thereon, situate at the corner of Spring and Tenno streets.

The news of the death in New York on Saturday of Mr. Robert L. Cutting was a great shock to that gentleman's friends in this city. Mr. Cutting was taken ill in a cable car while on his way to his office and his death, which was primarily caused by Bright's disease, was not long delayed. Mr. Cutting was well known among Newport's cottage colony. He leaves a widow, a sister of Mrs. I. Townsend Burden, and two sons, Robert L. Cutting, Jr., and James de Wolf Cutting.

Prof. Kelley's Tableau D'Art and Concert Co., which appeared at the Opera House Wednesday evening for the Artillery Co.'s benefit entertainment, claimed the large audience present. The tableaux were well arranged and the readings and violin solos were all that could be desired.

Commodore Gerry Sued.

Suit has been brought in the New York courts by Margaret Limbeck against Commodore E. T. Gerry, the charge being of false arrest. As this suit is the outcome of the robbery at the Gerry villa in this city last summer the following despatch from New York will prove of interest to this community. It says:—

Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry was doubly unfortunate last summer. His house in Newport was robbed during his absence on a yachting cruise, and in the investigation, that followed suspicion was for a time directed to his daughter's maid, Margaret Limbeck, whom he had but recently employed in England. The young woman was taken to the police station, but was soon after released. She left Mr. Gerry's employ, and now she is suing him for \$50,000, for false arrest. Her complaint was filed in the court of common pleas today, and made public the fact that there had been a robbery and arrest. Miss Limbeck was formerly employed in the household of Lady Jane Douglas, by whom she says she was recommended to Mr. Gerry.

Jewels valued at \$5,000 disappeared from the Newport cottage on August 17, during the absence of the commodore. The servant who was named as having stolen the jewels, Margaret Limbeck, says she was taken to the police station and kept there under arrest two hours.

Said Mr. Gerry's counsel today: "Miss Limbeck, I understand, voluntarily went to the office of chief of police and made a statement. She returned to Mr. Gerry's house and remained for three or four days. She then left of her own accord, and Mr. Gerry gave her money to pay her passage home to England. Instead of going she remained to bring suit. As a matter of fact, Mr. Gerry did not cause her arrest, nor did he make the slightest charge against her."

The stolen jewels have not been recovered and the thief has not been found.

Commodore Gerry, it is alleged in the papers filed, caused the arrest of the plaintiff on August 23, charging her with this robbery. Her innocence, it seems, was quickly established and she was released. She left the employ of Miss Gerry on the following day, and went to New York.

The woman says that the fact of her alleged illegal arrest at the instance of Commodore Gerry has prevented her from getting employ in this city, and work to which she is accustomed, and has otherwise operated to her injury. She is determined, she says, to press the suit. Miss Limbeck says that since Commodore Gerry first learned of intention to bring suit against him she has been constantly shadowed by detectives. The defense set up in the answer, she said, was a general justification and mitigation.

Inquiries elicited the information that Miss Limbeck was not arrested at all. She simply accompanied the detective to the police station and told what she knew about the case, after which she returned to Commodore Gerry's residence.

Rev. E. H. Porter, of Emmanuel church, has been confined to the house this week by an attack of the grip.

Mr. Joseph Mayer is able to be out, and has made one or two brief visits to his place of business this week.

Washington Commandery No. 4, K. L., are making arrangements to hold a public installation.

The Business Men's Association will hold a Ladies' reception at their rooms next Friday evening.

Mr. James D. Horgan, who has been ill with the grip, is recovering.

LECTION OF OFFICERS.

Washington Commandery, K. T. Eminent Commander—Andrew J. DeBello. Grand Master—F. Spangler. Grand Secretary—C. G. Stevens, Jr. Prelate—W. S. Franklin. Senior Warden—W. W. Maxwell. Junior Warden—Joseph W. Sampson. Treasurer—D. M. Coggeshall. Recorder—David Stevens. Steward—W. P. DeLano. Secretary—W. P. DeLano. Wardens—A. B. Comerford. Guards—Joseph Gibson, Robert Harte, Fred C. Smith. Musical Director—W. H. Cary. Sentinel—J. J. Spangler.

Household of Ruth No. 501 Grand United Order of Third Fellows. P. M. N. G.—Mrs. Alice Tab. R. N. G.—Mrs. M. W. Allen. W. G.—Mrs. M. W. Allen. W. P.—Mrs. D. C. Allen. W. R.—Mrs. D. C. Allen. W. S.—Mrs. D. C. Allen. W. T.—Mrs. D. C. Allen. W. U.—Mrs. D. C. Allen. W. V.—Mrs. D. C. Allen. W. W.—Mrs. D. C. Allen. W. X.—Mrs. D. C. Allen. W. Y.—Mrs. D. C. Allen. W. Z.—Mrs. D. C. Allen.

First Ward Political Club. President—John T. DeLano. Vice President—John T. DeLano. Financial Secretary—William H. King. Recording Secretary—Nicholas White. Treasurer—Robert P. Hamilton.

Artistic Ice Company. Board of Directors—J. D. Davis, John Howard, G. B. Reynolds, Lewis L. Simmons, A. C. Landers, Lewis Howard, William H. King. Recording Secretary—R. H. H. Sherman, W. H. Hammett. President—L. D. Davis. Vice President—John T. DeLano. Secretary—John T. DeLano. Treasurer—John T. DeLano. Recording Secretary—John T. DeLano. Financial Secretary—John T. DeLano. Auditor—John T. DeLano.

Firmin's Relief Association. President—John E. Lake. Vice President—Edward T. H. Morris. Secretary—Charles T. Bliss. Treasurer—Thomas S. Howler. Relief Committee (one from each company)—S. H. Ozz, George H. Kirby, J. L. Simmons, J. R. Daniel, Moritz, Joseph T. Donovan, George W. Lundy, Daniel H. Marry, John A. Gibson, Charles W. Decker. Auditing Committee—Edward T. Bosworth, P. H. Sullivan, F. A. Gilford.

What the Democrats Will Do.

The course of the Democrats in the Legislature for the coming session can now be stated with almost authoritative certainty, says the Providence Journal. They will transact business as usual, but will not pass the regular appropriation bill, nor make appropriations of any character for the support of the State Government.

It was said after the meeting of the steering committee Monday that the matter of transacting business would be decided at another session to be held at 10 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 23. As a matter of fact the sentiment of some of the members of the committee was favorable to the plan as given above, the carrying out of which depends upon the endorsing by the caucus of the agreement to make no appropriations. This endorsement, it is believed, will be given and no business will be transacted until the last Tuesday in the month, Jan. 31, at which time the Senate will meet in accordance with the proclamation of adjournment by Gov. Brown.

The Democrats will not act unadvisedly, but if the plan as given above is followed, as is more than probable, there will still be discontent among the leaders, who look upon the action as a practical surrender of their position. The plan is that of Colonel Honoy, and though Speaker Owen will continue to uphold the party position in the upper chamber, neither of these gentlemen will have changed his opinion that the proposed course is entirely inconsistent with the position of the Democracy at the Newport session.

Then it will be remembered, the House sent in invitations to the Senate to meet in grand committee, which the upper branch declined to accept. As an answer resolutions of adjournment were forwarded to the House, upon which action was not taken. Thereupon the Senate certified to the Governor that a disagreement between the two houses existed, and the proclamation of adjournment was issued and accepted by the Senate. The House continued to meet until the blow from the Supreme Court, when it took a recess until January 23.

At that time the Democratic leaders said that it made no difference to them when the Senate met. They insisted that it was the constitutional duty of the Senate to meet the House in grand committee for the purpose of counting the votes cast in the State election, and for choosing State officers, if there was found to be a tie. Until the Senate consented to perform what they asserted was its plain duty, the House must decline to transact any business.

That was their position at Newport and afterwards. Here is an opportunity for a study in comparison. They will now transact business whether the Senate consented to go into grand committee or not. The Senate will not consent and they know it. For some reason they select the annual appropriation bill as the single measure which they will not pass. Some of the Democrats say they will pass that before the session is over.

The Consolidated road received Tuesday three elegant parlor cars from the Barney & Smith Manufacturing Co. of Dayton, O. The cars are 75 feet in length and are equipped with the most modern and perfect car attachments and furnishings. The windows are the long and square pattern that are used now in the newest types of the drawing room car service. The draperies are particularly rich and handsome. The floors are not carpeted, but are laid with elegant rugs of the newest pattern, the effect giving richness and elegance to the interiors. The cars are vestibuled and will be placed on the limited trains between New York and Boston. Three more cars, duplicates of those, are under construction, and will be delivered soon. The cars cost nearly \$75,000, or in the neighborhood of \$12,000 each.

The State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry held its seventh annual meeting at Westerly on Wednesday. Mr. George E. Sisson of Portsmouth was appointed a member of the committee on credentials; Mr. Lionel H. Peabody of Aquidneck Grange of Middletown on the committee on education; and Mr. C. H. Potter of Norquit Grange of Tiverton, on the committee on agriculture. Mrs. E. H. Potter of Tiverton and Mr. Edmund Spooner of Middletown were also present.

The skating on Easton's Pond has been very good this week and has been enjoyed by hundreds of skaters of all sizes and ages.

The City Council will hold a meeting next Tuesday evening, when the financial budget for the year will be adopted.

Miss Marlowe and Miss Bosworth, of the Girls' Industrial School, are confined to their respective homes, by illness.

Mr. John Gilpin, the well known newspaper correspondent, has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. Robert L. Oman, one of the recent victims of a gripe, is again at his place of business daily.

CLEANING FROM HISTORY.

Frederick JAMES C. SWAN.

The Insignificant Reversal of History.

"Let all these who were soldiers under our fathers, and who, when they overcame Syria and Phoenicia, and laid waste Judaea, took the Jews captive and made them slaves, and brought them into our cities, and into this country, and then sold them; as also all those that were in my kingdom before them, and if there be any that have lately been brought thither, be made free of them at a hundred and twenty drachmas for every slave. And let the soldiers receive this redemption money with their pay; but the rest out of the king's treasury. For I suppose that they were more captives without our fathers' consent, and against equity; and that their country was harassed by the insolence of the soldiers, and that, by removing them into Egypt, the soldiers have made a great profit by them. Out of regard, therefore to justice, and out of pity to these that have been tyrannized by the king's soldiers, I order you these that have such Jews in their service to return them at liberty, upon the receipt of the before-mentioned sum; and that no one use any deceit about them, but obey what is here commanded. And I will that they give in their names within three days after the publication of this edict, to such as are appointed to execute the same, and to produce the same before the judges, and I will that it will be for the advantage of my affairs; and let every one who will inform against those that do not obey this decree; and I will that their estates be confiscated into the king's treasury." When this decree was read to the king, it at first contained the rest that is here inserted, and omitted only those Jews that had formerly been brought, and these had been mentioned; so he added three clauses out of humanity, and with great generosity. He also gave order, that the payment, which was likely to be done in a hurry, should be divided among the king's ministers, and among the officers of his treasury. When this was over, what the king had decreed was quickly brought to a conclusion; and this in no more than seven weeks after the date of the decree. And for the captives being above four hundred and sixty, and this because their masters required the hundred and twenty drachmas for the children also, the king having in effect commanded that these should be paid for, when he said in his decree, that they should receive the forementioned sum for every slave.

Now when this had been done after so magnificent a manner, according to the king's inclinations, he gave order to Demetrius to give him in writing his sentiments concerning the transcribing of the Jewish books; for no part of the administration is done rashly by these kings, but all things are managed with great circumspection. On which account he set down a copy of these epistles, and sent them to the king, and the construction of every one, that the exactness of the artificer's workmanship, as it appeared to those that saw them, and which workman made every vessel, may be made manifest, and on account of the excellency of the vessels themselves. Now the copy of the epistles was to this purpose: "Demetrius to the great king. When the O king, give me a charge concerning the collection of books that you want to fill your library, and concerning the care that ought to be taken about such as are imperfect, I have used the utmost diligence about these matters. And I let you know, that we want the books of the Jewish legislation, with some others; for they are written in the Hebrew characters, and being in the language of that nation, are not understood by us. It hath also happened to them that they have been transcribed more carelessly than they ought to have been, because they have not had hitherto royal care taken about them. Now it is necessary that those should have accurate copies of them. And indeed this legislation is full of hidden wisdom, and entirely blameless, as being the legislation of God. Therefore I have caused the books of Abers to be sent to the poets and historians, to make mention of it, nor of these men who led their lives according to it, since it is a holy law, and ought not to be published by profane mouths. If then it please thee, O king, thou mayest write to the high priest of the Jews, to send six of the elders out of every tribe, and those such as are most skillful in the law, and by their means we may learn the clear and agreeing sense of these books; and may obtain an accurate interpretation of their contents, and so may have such a collection of these as may be suitable to thy desire."

When this epistle was sent to the king, he commanded that an epistle should be drawn up for Eleazar, the Jewish high priest, concerning these matters; and that he should cause him of the release of the Jews that had been in slavery among them. He also sent fifty talents of gold for the making of large basins, and vials and cups, and an immense quantity of precious stones. He also gave order to those who had the custody of the chests that contained these stones, to give the artificers leave to choose out of what sorts of them they pleased. He also appointed three hundred talents in money should be sent to the temple for sacrifices, and for other uses.

The epistle which was written to Eleazar the high priest, who had obtained that dignity on the occasion following: When Onias the high priest was dead, his son Simon became his successor. He was called Simon the Just, because of both his piety towards God, and his kind disposition to those of his own nation. When he was dead, and had left a young son, who was called Onias, Simon's brother Eleazar, took the priesthood; and he it was to whom Ptolemy wrote, and that in the manner following: "King Ptolemy to Eleazar the high priest, sendeth greeting. There were many Jews who now dwell in my kingdom, whom the Persians, when they were in power, carried thence; a hundred and twenty in my father; some of whom he placed in the army, and gave them greater pay than ordinary; to others of them, when they came with him into Egypt, he committed his garrisons, and the guarding of them, that they might be a terror to the Egyptians. And when I had

taken the government, I treated all men with humanity, and especially those that are thy fellow citizens, of whom I have set free above a hundred thousand that were slaves, and paid the price of their redemption to their masters out of my own revenues; and those that are of a different nation, I have admitted into the number of my soldiers. And for such as are capable of being faithful to me, and proper for my court, I have put them in such a post, as thinking this kindness done to them to be a very great and acceptable gift, which I devote to God for his providence over me. And as I am desirous to do what will be a comfort to thee, and to all the other Jews in this hostile earth, I have determined to procure an interpretation of your law, and to have it translated out of the Hebrew into Greek, and to be deposited in my library. Thou wilt therefore do well to choose out and send me men of good character, who are now elders in age, and six in number out of every tribe. These, by their age, must be skillful in the law, and of abilities to make an accurate interpretation of them; and when this shall be finished, I shall think that I have done a work glorious to myself. And I have sent to thee Andreas, the captain of my guard, and Ariston, men whom I have in great esteem; by whom I have sent those first fruits which I have dedicated to the temple, and to the sacrifices, and to other uses, the value of a hundred talents. And if thou wilt send to us to let us know what thou wouldst have farther, then will do a thing acceptable to me."

See the whole of fifteenth chapter of Ecclesiasticus.

To be continued.

SUPREME COURT.

Common Pleas Division—January Session.
The January session of the Common Pleas Division of the Supreme Court opened at the State House at 9:30 Monday morning, Judge Douglas presiding. It has thus far been a short session and little business accomplished.

The docket was called and the following cases continued: Everett W. Hurdett vs. American Electric Manufacturing Company, E. M. Aldrich & Co. vs. William A. Lynch et al., Isaac S. Cole vs. Alanson Peckham, William J. Underwood vs. Cyrus H. Peckham, David E. Smith vs. Daniel A. Chapin, James T. Central Baptist Church vs. Scooby vs. Gleason Manchester, George A. Grinnell et al. vs. Probate Court of Tiverton, John D. Wright vs. Peter Nelson, Samuel D. Wright et al. vs. William H. Proctor, Almes Reitz vs. Armand Pinard, Cressey, Noyes & Co. vs. Hiram Murray, Sarah Bentley vs. William Lee, Godfrey Melville Reber, Shos Company vs. John B. Gram, James McCarty vs. Administrator vs. Jeremiah K. Sullivan, Thomas A. Kiley vs. Harry Force, appt. Horace Carlisle vs. Mary R. Sayer, appt. Rouse E. Dodge, appt. vs. Matthew S. Barber, Mary R. Sayer, appt. vs. Horace Carlisle, Abby E. Vlah, appt. vs. Town Council of New Shoreham, Edward S. Paine et al. appt. vs. same, James S. Murray, appt. vs. same, William E. Angdon et al. vs. same, William E. Angdon et al. vs. Newport Water Works, Emma M. Carr, William H. Boone, Elizabeth R. McKee vs. Ferdinand A. Abell, Knapp & Van Nstrand vs. Richard de Logeot, Bauman Brothers vs. James Anthony et al., Albert H. Hayward vs. Louis P. Roberts, Wallace & Simmons vs. Marco Christiano, Murray, Spink & Co. vs. William C. Lynch, Charles H. F. Arnold vs. Richard Miller, Leggett, The Mitchell vs. Company vs. same, Samuel E. Almy vs. Isaac G. White et al., same vs. Emerson Ash, William Elliott vs. Newport Street R. R. Co., Albert E. Sherman et al. vs. William A. Barker et al.

In the case of William R. Perry vs. Theophilus T. Pitman, appt., the defendant's demurrer was sustained. In the case of Patrick H. Horgan vs. Lewis P. Atchison, judgment for plaintiff for \$501.68. In Fall River Machine Co. vs. Isaac G. White, judgment for plaintiff for \$250.40. In George P. Lawton vs. James P. Jordan, judgment for plaintiff for \$140.00. In McLean & Mason vs. George D. Wilcox, settled. Charles L. Williams vs. Mary L. Williams, settled.

The grand jury came in at noon Monday and reported an indictment against William Steadman, alias, for burglary, after which the court took a recess until Thursday. Thursday morning the criminal docket was called and the following entries made: John Reynolds, continued; Isaac Goodall, continued; Frank N. Rudolph, continued; William H. Gordon, discontinued; Catherine O'Neill, discontinued; on payment of cost, Amy W. Lewis, continued; fine and costs paid; John W. George, continued; John Dillon, continued; Susan Wixon, continued; Sherman B. Brown, continued; Patrick Dugan, continued; John Rosch, continued; John Cushing, continued; Edward Henry, discontinued; state's witnesses having left town; Richard Keefe, trial Wednesday; Mary Brown, continued; Mary Miller, continued; Frank Henderson, alias, discontinued; Mary Lawless, discontinued; William H. Harris, discontinued; John Doe (a clerk for Julius Arnold), discontinued; Horace N. Hazard, discontinued; Julius Arnold, three cases, discontinued; Owen C. McDonald, six cases, discontinued; Oliver H. P. Gladding, four cases, continued; Alonzo Pittman, continued; if costs are paid, otherwise trial; Thomas Cooney, continued; William L. Anderson, trial on Wednesday.

The case of State vs. Manuel Leal, alias, the result of the shooting affair in Portsmouth by which one Portuguese was rendered totally blind, was squelched because of a faulty indictment. The recognition of John L. O'Brien was called and defeated. After a two hour session the court adjourned to Monday morning.

Mr. James D. Horgan, who has been housed for several weeks with the grip, had a very bad turn a few days ago, but yesterday's reports gave his condition as much improved.

The three local Courts of Foresters held a grand union social at Odd Fellows Hall Wednesday night and a good time was enjoyed by the large crowd present.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Saturday, Jan. 13.
 Walter F. Brown is wanted for extensive swindling at Providence. The Connecticut state grand jury returned a warrant against him. Brown is a native of New London, Conn., and is now in the custody of the New York police. He is a well-known swindler and has been in the habit of leaving his home in New York and visiting his relatives in New London, Conn., where he is well known. He is a well-known swindler and has been in the habit of leaving his home in New York and visiting his relatives in New London, Conn., where he is well known.

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Monday, Jan. 15.
 Mrs. Catherine Donahue of Medford, Mass., was discovered in a dying condition on the grave of her brother in Malden. She had been lying on the grave for some time and was found by a passerby. She was taken to the hospital and died shortly afterwards. She was a well-known woman in the community and her death was a great loss to her family.

Tuesday, Jan. 16.
 The financial outlook in India is gloomy. The rupee is falling and the government is facing a serious financial crisis. The government has been forced to raise taxes and to cut spending in order to meet its obligations. The financial crisis has led to a loss of confidence in the government and the people are growing restless.

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MURDER AT BOSTON.

Nellie Fay's Skull Crushed In by Some Unknown Person.
 Police Think a Female Companion Did It—Four Men Were Suspected in the Crime—Amounted to Nothing.

Boston, Jan. 19.—What is thought to be a cold-blooded murder was discovered at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the second floor of 67 Shawmut avenue when Nellie Fay, 30 years old, was found lying in a pool of blood with her skull crushed in. The affair is somewhat wrapped in mystery and the police are working hard upon the case.

The house has a somewhat shady reputation and the site of the crime was in a room which was used as a bedroom. It is stated that a party who was visiting the place on Tuesday afternoon about 6 o'clock, and a royal time was kept up all the night and continued until Wednesday. The murdered woman had a companion staying with her named Jim Matthews, who left the house with the party on Wednesday night and did not return again.

Medical Examiner Draper was immediately notified, and pronounced death from a fractured skull, caused by some blunt instrument.

The murdered woman was a native of Taunton, and her mother and several sisters reside in that place.

Last Seen Alive in a Saloon.

At 6 o'clock on Wednesday night the whole party went to a saloon in the vicinity and had a far-away drink before breaking up, after which the murdered woman returned alone to her room and nothing was seen of her until discovered yesterday.

The people residing below state that about 2 o'clock yesterday morning three sharp knocks were heard and then some moaning, but no notice was taken of the matter. When the milkman came to deliver the milk to the murdered woman he could not gain admittance and left the can in the hallway. It was not until 6 o'clock when the woman was discovered in the house knocked and got no reply, went to the lower flat and obtained a pass key and the woman opened the door and saw the dead body.

Where Is Jim Matthews?

The police arrested John J. Walsh and George Goddard of Chelsea, who it is claimed, were of the party that caroused at the woman's house last.

D. A. Munroe and a companion visited the home of the murdered woman late last night, and Munroe learning that he was wanted by the police went direct to station 4 and gave such evidence that it was decided to let the four men go. It is Matthews, the woman's companion, as it is suspected that she probably returned during the night, quarreled with the murdered woman, and in the heat of passion struck the fatal blow.

Minnie Hayspiker's Death.

LYNN, Mass., Jan. 18.—Arthur Brown, alias William Hilton, alias William Carlson, is, or if there are three distinct persons, they are wanted by the police, who want to learn what they know about the death of Minnie Hayspiker, alias Minnie Stevens, in Salem, Thursday morning. A. H. Ward, with whom Minnie boarded at the time of her death, declares that Hilton and Brown are the same, and that he was with her when she was taken sick Wednesday night and was by her bedside when she died. It is said that Minnie was about to be confined in the course of a month or so, and that she attempted to free herself from the bondage of a gambling life. Whether she was assisted in this attempt by some one else, or whether she did it unaided, is not known. The stomach of the dead woman was taken to the Harvard medical school, but Marshall Wells on his return refused to say anything.

Hobbs Got Six Months in Jail.

Boston, Jan. 17.—Judge Knowlton yesterday afternoon found Receiver Hobbs of the Stockbridge Savings bank guilty of contempt of court and sentenced him to six months in Suffolk jail. It appeared from the testimony of one of the witnesses that there is \$20,000 unaccounted for by Hobbs, and it was asserted by the attorney general that he had appropriated the funds to his own use.

Editors Elect Officers.

HARTFORD, Jan. 16.—At the sixth annual meeting of the Connecticut Editorial association, composed of weekly papers, these officers were elected: President, N. W. Kennedy, Putnam; secretary-treasurer, W. C. Sharpe, Seymour, and vice-presidents in each county. T. S. Pratt and Captain Jones are the delegates to the national convention in Asbury Park, N. J., in May.

Harshlawer Rejected.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The senate last night, after a contest of more than three hours, rejected the nomination of W. B. Harshlawer of New York as associate justice of the supreme court by a vote of 50 to 40. The principal speeches were made by Senator Hill against, and by Senator Vilas of Wisconsin in favor of confirmation.

Founded an Industrial School.

FARMINGTON, Conn., Jan. 10.—Rev. Thomas K. Fessenden, a retired clergyman and founder of the Connecticut Industrial school at Middletown, died here of old age. He was born in 1814. He was for many years pastor of the Congregational church in Ellington. Several years ago he represented this place in the general assembly.

How Massachusetts Banks Stand.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Reports to the comptroller of the currency show that on Dec. 19 the national banks in the state of Massachusetts (exclusive of Boston) held a reserve of 23.65 per cent. Loans and discounts were \$101,638,933, the lawful money reserve in the banks \$4,431,391 and the individual deposits \$69,680,973.

Twenty-Five Years an Editor.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 14.—Herman Siegel, the oldest editor in point of service in the United States, died yesterday, aged 84 years. He had been connected with Milwaukee newspapers for nearly 25 years, coming here from Connecticut.

An Abandoned Babe.

HARTFORD, Jan. 17.—A well-dressed female baby, 3 days old, was found in a market basket on the doorstep, 940 Main street, last night by A. J. Hood, who heard it crying. No clue to its parents.

Broke Her Neck.

LEBANON, N. H., Jan. 16.—Jydia P. Blodgett, 91 years of age, fell down stairs at her home here and broke her neck.

Guilt of Manlaughter.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 17.—The jury in the case of Giacomo Rossi, charged with the murder of Thomas Cochrane in July last, returned last evening with a verdict of manslaughter.

Train Struck Kilo.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 17.—James Keefe, 50 years old, was struck and killed by a train last night at North Andover depot.

New Advertisements.

National Bank of Rhode Island of New York.
 AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of this bank, held this day, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: Frederick Tompkins, Thomas P. Peckham, Daniel D. Feeney, J. A. Wallace Briggs, and J. A. Wallace Briggs.

National Exchange Bank.
 NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 9, 1894.
 AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of this bank, held this day, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: Frederick Tompkins, Thomas P. Peckham, Daniel D. Feeney, J. A. Wallace Briggs, and J. A. Wallace Briggs.

Aquidneck National Bank.
 AT A MEETING of the directors held this day, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year: Frederick Tompkins, Thomas P. Peckham, Daniel D. Feeney, J. A. Wallace Briggs, and J. A. Wallace Briggs.

Newport National Bank.
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New England Commercial Bank.
 AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of this bank, held this day, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: Frederick Tompkins, Thomas P. Peckham, Daniel D. Feeney, J. A. Wallace Briggs, and J. A. Wallace Briggs.

First National Bank.
 NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 29, 1893.
 A DIVIDEND of five per cent. will be paid at this bank on and after January 2, 1894.

National Bank of Rhode Island.
 NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 30, 1893.
 A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of four per cent. will be paid to the stockholders of this bank on and after January 2, 1894.

Aquidneck National Bank.
 DIVIDEND No. 14.
 FOUR PER CENT. payable on and after January 2, 1894.

Newport National Bank.
 THE DIRECTORS of this bank have declared a semi-annual dividend of four and one-half per cent. payable on and after Tuesday, January 2, 1894.

Island Savings Bank.
 DIVIDEND No. 41.
 A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND at the rate of five per cent. per annum will be paid on all deposits on and after January 1, 1894.

National Exchange Bank.
 DIVIDEND No. 57.
 A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of four per cent. will be paid to the stockholders of this bank on and after January 1, 1894.

New Advertisements.

D. L. CUMMINGS,
 146 THAMES STREET.
 Sewing Machine OIL AND NEEDLES.
 Watchmaker and Jeweler.

F. F. Tebbetts & Co.,
 121 Westminster Street, Butler Exchange, Providence, R. I.
 ANNUAL REDUCTION SALE
 Fine Cloaks and Furs.
 This is a genuine reduction in the prices of our own fine stock and not ill made and poor qualities bought for the occasion.
 Ladies' Plain and Fur Trimmed Jackets, \$5, \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50, former prices 10 to 20.
 Ladies' Braid and Fur Trimmed Skirted Coats, \$12.50, 15, 17.50, 20, former price 20 to 40.
 Ladies' Plain Tight Fitting and Paddock Coats, \$15, \$18 to \$25, former price 20 to 40.
 Children's and Misses Garments, sold from \$2.50 to \$8 less on each one than early prices.
 Alaska Seal Garments, Fur Capes, Neck Scarfs, Muffs and Gloves of the finest quality, greatly reduced in prices.

John Vars,
 Young's Block, 120 Thames Street.
 Artistic Beauty and Permanence
 "Mezzo-Tints."
 We have a large collection on exhibition at the Studio, and invite you to call and see them.

F. H. Child,
 242 THAMES STREET.
 PIANO BARGAINS.
 We are selling first-class 7 1/2 Octave Upright Piano for \$150.00, or \$10.00 per month, for one year, or \$10.00 on installment, \$25.00 down and \$10.00 per month, or \$100.00 cash.

James H. Barney, Jr. & Co.,
 154 Thames Street.
 Open Saturday Evening.

NEW AND FRESH GOODS.

100 Cases Tomatoes, Peas, Corn, Salmon, 10c can
 These are warranted to be first class in every respect, being from the very best growing sections in the country.

Lean Ends Salt Pork, 10c. Lard 12 lbs. for \$1.00
 50 boxes Welsome Soap, 12 bar.
 100 lbs. G. and R. 8 lbs. 25c; 1 lb. 5c
 100 lbs. N. O. Molasses, 35c
 100 lbs. Pulsbury's Best Flour, 45c
 100 lbs. of a splendid Java and Mocha Blended Coffee, 30c lb.

HORGAN'S BROWN STONE BLOCK,
 224 THAMES STREET.
 Telephone Connection.

Miscellaneous.
Dumb Animals!
 HEALTH FOOD.
 The Only Food on the Market Composed of Vegetable Matter Only.
 Having procured from a most eminent Veterinary Surgeon a formula for the mixing of this Food, I am now prepared to offer you the best compound known to bring your HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, SWINE to a healthy and profitable condition. For MILK COWS it will pay many times its cost. It will improve the milk, increase the quantity and not injure, but improve the cows that are fed with it. Prices are the lowest and Special Prices in large quantities.
POULTRY FOOD.
 Now is your time, if you will feed your Poultry with nourishing food, your return will be much larger. The Climax and Sheridan Condition Powders have stood the longest without failure. I now offer a new mixture and give sample free to those who will give a trial. The price should sell it, 10c. per lb. Best thing ever offered for POULTRY FOOD.
 RAW SHAVED BONE, GROUND BONE, BEEF SCRAPS, OYSTER SHELLS, etc.

W. P. CLARK'S.
 A NEW CITY HALL.
 That's What the People of Newport WANT.
 but they can't get it yet. The young bloods say, "HAS SOON AS THE OLD FOGGIES DIE WE'LL GET IT!" Now, old fogies, if you want to feel these Youthful Philosophers

Dixon's Great Russian Cough Cordial,
 when a cough comes on, and cure it at once.
 For sale by druggists and dealers in general.

186 THAMES ST.
 Just received a full line of Boston Rubber Shoe Co.'s first quality Boots, Shoes, &c. BEST RUBBER GOODS MADE. NEW AND FRESH. AT POPULAR PRICES.

M. S. HOLM,
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RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL TRUST CO.
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CAPITAL, 1,000,000. Surplus \$500,000.
 Transacts General Banking and Trust Business.
 ALLOWS INTEREST on accounts subject to check at sight. Executors, Administrators, Guardians or Receivers depositing funds with this company are by law exempted from all personal liability. LADIES' ACCOUNTS solicited.
 ACCEPTS TRUSTS, created by will or otherwise, and is by law authorized to act as Executor, Administrator, Guardian or Receiver.
 RENTS SAFES at 10 per year and upwards; also receives Bonds, Jewelry, Silverware and other valuables for safekeeping.

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 283 THAMES STREET, NEWPORT, R. I.
 AGENTS WANTED. To sell 22 World's Fair Photographs in book form; can make good wages—Outfit 40 cents. Globe Lithographing & Printing Co. 1223 910 ARLEMAN BLOCK, CHICAGO.

